

Spee-Dee Presents at the QRM 2017 International Conference

President and CEO, Dave Navin, together with Project Managers Danny Harmann and Adam Mulder recently presented Spee-Dee's Listen, SET, Go manufacturing strategy at the Fifteenth International Conference on Quick Response Manufacturing (QRM). The yearly conference took place at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, WI from June 19-22.

Focused Target Market Segment (FTMS) is a concept that encourages you to examine your business critically and focus your QRM efforts to drive business growth through lead time reduction in specific markets/products. At this year's conference, the Spee-Dee team presented their FTMS based approach to reducing lead times and increasing shipments.

The new process has had a positive impact on sales, engineering and management. Sales improved its communications about drawings and lead times; engineering saw improvements in the quality of their drawings and a decrease in change requests; and weekly production meetings decreased from 90 minutes to just 15 minutes. Other departments like the machine shop and assembly also saw positive improvements.

The key to most of these improvements was building a custom project management and communication tool called NEST. Tasks and deadlines were created and managed for each of Spee-Dee's three manufacturing cells. Led by a focused project manager, each team of engineers, fabricators and assemblers was able to minimize the time it took for a product to flow through the system. They did this through better resource management and by amending their project prioritization strategy.

After 3 years, the success of the program is evident in Spee-Dee's cell metrics. The S manufacturing cell has reduced lead times for single auger and cup fillers by 35%, and Spee-Dee has set similar goals with its E and T manufacturing cells.



**3600 Auger Filler with
Conveyor & Checkweigher**

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The first is an expertly designed stand-alone checkweigher. This competitively priced unit has no electrical box and uses "magnetic force restoration" for maximized durability and accuracy.

The second is our trusty 3600 auger filler; but integrated with an automatic conveyor line AND an independent checkweigh feature. This space-saving system is designed for maximized speed and accuracy, and the ingenuity of its mechanical engineering will amaze you

In addition to these two revolutionary products, the Spee-Dee booth will also feature:

- The Revolution - perfect for coffee and other dry powder applications
- 24" version of our redesigned rotary filler - ideal for applications with limited floor space
- Our low-maintenance CHS volumetric cup filler - designed for fast cup changeovers

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to www.PackExpoLasVegas.com and click on the REGISTER button. Use complimentary code 56G71 when you register, and your registration is on us! When you get there, please visit booth C-4209 to see why top producers trust Spee-Dee auger, cup and rotary fillers for their packaging needs. CPGs, contract packagers and OEMs get the best possible filling system thanks to Spee-Dee's customer-centric manufacturing methods.